(b) whether Government propose to initiate immediately commercial exploitation of these nicotine-based pesticides resulting in phasing out of dangerous chemical pesticides; and

(c) whether Government also propose to popularise the concept of safe use of pesticides through TV/Radio instead of promoting chemical pesticides as is happening on Krishi Darshan T. V. Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, The Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry has developed a new technology for processing of nicotine sulphate from tobacco waste using ion exchange resins. Nicotine based posticides thus developed are effective against soft bodies pests like aphids, white flies and leafhoppers.

(b) Nicotine based pesticides have limited scope as they are effective against only soft bodied/pests. Hence, they can not be considered as a replacement for other pesticides.

(c) Besides chemical pesticides, the concept of safe use of pesticides also is proposed to be popularised through TV/Radio.

Workshop on safe and judicious use of pesticides

1772. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the National Workshop held recently in March, 1991 in Delhi on Safe and Judicious use of Pesticides organised by Ministry of Agriculutre; if so, the outcome thereof;

(b) whether Government have initiated any process to set up a Standing Committee as recommended by the workshop;

(c) whether Government propose to involve the National Pesticides Action Committee convened by Voluntary Health Association of India in the process of drafting out action plans for the country; and

(d) whether Government would declare next year as the year for judicious use of pesticides; if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Minisrty of Agriculture in collaboration with the pesticide Industries Association had organised a Workshop from 29—30th January, 1991 at Delhi. Some of the major recommendations which emerged out of the Workshop relate to giving better emphasis on need based and judicious use of pesticides, Integrated Pest Management, and biological Control of pests and diseases.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government do take into consideration the views and observations of non-Governmental organisations like Voluntary Health Association of India etc. while framing new policies and action plans.

(d) Since the Government are already implementing promotion of safe and judicious use of pesticides through adoption of Integrated Pest Management strategy, there is no need of specifically declaring any particular year for judicious use of pesticides.

Introduction of fast train between Delhi and Farrukhabad

1773. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a fast and convenient train between Delhi and Farrukhabad keeping in view the unduly long time taken by Kalindi Express to reach its destination;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?